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MOTOR VEHICLE AND METHOD OF)
CONTROLLING A DRIVE TRAIN)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in compliance with applicants' duty of disclosure, a copy of Form 1449 is attached listing references of record in U.S. Serial No. 09/737,898 filed December 15, 2000, to the same inventors, the priority of which has been claimed herein.

U.S. Patent No. 3,802,293, issued April 9, 1974 to Winckler et al.

U.S. Patent No. 4,311,062, issued January 19, 1982 to Hamada et al.

U.S. Patent No. 4,475,639, issued October 9, 1984 to Tausend.

U.S. Patent No. 4,727,764, issued March, 1988 to Klaue.

U.S. Patent No. 5,761,961, issued June, 1998 to Krauss et al.

U.S. Patent No. 5,313,856, issued May, 1994 to Schneider et al.

U.S. Patent No. 5,901,824, issued May, 1999 to Nellums.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,538,119, issued July, 1996 to Johnson, Jr.

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Since copies of the cited references are available in said 09/737,898 application, and since the present application is a continuation of the 09/737,898 application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) applies and copies of the references are not submitted with this statement.

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